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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows. Accompanying this communication is a petition to extend the prosecution for three (3) months and the appropriate fee. This response is therefore timely filed.